Dear [MP / PPC name],

I am writing on behalf of [housing association] to highlight the supported housing we provide in [constituency] and share a recently published [report by Altair Ltd for the National Housing Federation](http://www.housing.org.uk/resources/%20how-much-supported-housing-will-we-need-by-2040) on the growing need for supported housing.

Supported housing exists to ensure everyone in our communities can live their best life, whatever their circumstances, ideally within their own home. It provides vital housing and support for some of the most vulnerable people in our society, including older and disabled people, vulnerable young people, survivors of domestic abuse and those who have experienced homelessness. Enabling them to live independently, boosting their wellbeing and encouraging community.

It is also critical to reducing homelessness and taking pressure off the social care, health and criminal justice systems. Research commissioned from Imogen Blood Associates by the National Housing Federation in 2023, found that [were it not for supported housing, 41,000 more people would be homeless](https://www.housing.org.uk/resources/research-into-the-supported-housing-sectors-impact-on-homelessness-prevention-health-and-wellbeing/), with a further 30,000 people at risk of homelessness; and we would need 14,000 more inpatient psychiatric places, 2,500 more places in residential care and 2,000 more prison places. This figure is only likely to have increased as the effects of the housing crisis have deepened.

Currently over half a million people are in some form of supported housing and our research shows that demand for supported housing will grow in the coming years, due to a rising and ageing population.

To keep up with the expected population rise alone, the research estimates we will need a 33% increase in suitable supported housing to meet demand in 2040. Approximately 80% of this would need to be long-term supported housing (including housing for older people) and 20% would be short-term and focused on helping people in crisis.

To meet the rising demand for supported and older people’s housing, we must invest in suitable homes that provide tailored support for people to live independently.

Without the necessary investment and a sustainable plan, more people will be at risk of homelessness, face longer stays in residential or institutional care and will have longer hospital stays, while adding additional strain on the NHS and social care services.

Alternatively, if the need for supported housing is met, there will be reduced pressure on statutory services and savings for public funds.

We are calling for a long-term plan for housing that includes meeting the need for supported housing. This includes better data collection on the need for supported housing, ambitious funding commitments such as ring-fenced funding for supported housing and a recommitment to the £300m Housing Transformation Fund so that supported housing can be part of local plans to meet housing need.

At [housing association name] we [describe the supported housing services you offer and who uses these services. Include relevant data if you have this – e.g. number of people you help, brief figures on outcomes for those you support].

We would be delighted if you were able to come and see firsthand the great work that we do in your constituency and how housing associations are ensuring everyone has a high-quality home in which to live in our local area. We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the Altair report and the current challenges facing supported housing.

I would be very happy to arrange a visit with you to show you our [scheme], should your diary permit. It would be an opportunity for you to meet some of our residents and staff, and to find out more about the work we are doing in [constituency name].

[Include contact details or info about the proposed visit/meeting here.]

Best wishes,